

The McKinney-Vento Act is a federal law that protects the educational rights of students in temporary housing.



The McKinney-Vento Act defines “homeless children and youths” as any student who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

## Administrators can support these students in the following ways:

### Inform

- Inform parents about their child’s educational rights, including immediate enrollment, free meals and transportation
- Post information about school events in local shelters/missions/motels

### Know

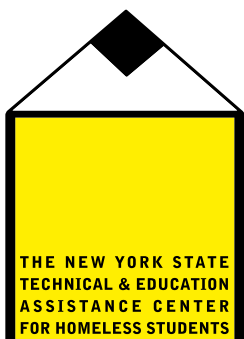
- Be familiar with common characteristics of children in temporary housing (which may include attendance at multiple schools, poor hygiene, gaps in learning, transportation problems, a lack of preparedness for class, etc.)

### Educate

- Make staff aware of any student living in a temporary housing situation so they can assist with any health/social/academic needs
- Educate school staff and faculty about the educational rights of students in temporary housing
- Provide trainings to all staff to ensure sensitivity to the needs of this population

### Support

- Welcome the student and the family and let them know that the school is a safe and secure place
- Ensure that the student has every opportunity that a permanently housed student has to participate in after-school activities and in-school programs
- Provide city bus tokens or other transportation assistance to get parents to school for conferences, school events, or PTA meetings
- Establish funds to help students in temporary housing pay for school pictures, field trips, school supplies, prom tickets, etc.



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